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	Filing Date	01-16-02	
	First Named Inventor	Sonny L Chambers	
	Group Art Unit		
	Examiner Name	Linn LEE	
Total Number of Pages in This Submission		Attorney Docket Number	Linn LEE

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# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☐ Specification [Total Pages  ]  
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  - Descriptive title of the invention
  - Cross Reference to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☐ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets  ]
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6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76.

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  - a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
  - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
    - i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
    - ii. ☐ paper
  - c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
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*(when there is an assignee)*
11. ☐ English Translation Document *(if applicable)*
12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of Citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☐ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
*(Should be specifically itemized)*
15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
*(if foreign priority is claimed)*
16. ☐ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/36 or its equivalent.
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Prior application information:

Examiner \_\_\_\_\_

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See 37 CFR 1.27

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114 150 214 75		Provisional filing fee

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102 80 202 40		Independent claims in excess of 3
104 270 204 135		Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109 80 209 40		** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110 18 210 9		** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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105 130 205 65		Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127 50 227 25		Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139 130 139 130		Non English specification	
147 2,520 147 2,520		For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
112 920* 112 920*		Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113 1,840* 113 1,840*		Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115 110 215 55		Extension for reply within first month	
116 390 216 195		Extension for reply within second month	
117 890 217 445		Extension for reply within third month	
118 1,390 218 695		Extension for reply within fourth month	
128 1,890 228 945		Extension for reply within fifth month	
119 310 219 155		Notice of Appeal	
120 310 220 155		Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121 270 221 135		Request for oral hearing	
138 1,510 138 1,510		Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140 110 240 55		Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141 1,240 241 620		Petition to revive - unintentional	
142 1,240 242 620		Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143 440 243 220		Design issue fee	
144 600 244 300		Plant issue fee	
122 130 122 130		Petitions to the Commissioner	
123 50 123 50		Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
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146 710 246 355		Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149 710 249 355		For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179 710 279 355		Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169 900 169 900		Request for expedited examination of a design application	

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# DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 1500 concerning design patent application contents

1. ☐ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
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2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☐ Specification [Total Pages ☐ ]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below, MPEP 1503.01)
  - Preamble
  - Cross References to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Description of the figure(s) of the drawings
  - Feature description
  - Claim (only one (1) claim permitted, MPEP 1503.03)
4. ☐ Drawing(s) (37 CFR 1.152) [Total Sheets ☐ ]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages ☐ ]
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6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

7. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
8. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney  
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11. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
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14. ☐ Request for Expedited Examination of a Design Application (37 CFR 1.155)  
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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

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2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☐ Specification [Total Pages  ]  
(2 copies required - 37 CFR 1.163(b)  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
  - Descriptive title of the invention
  - Cross References to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Latin name of genus and species
  - Variety denomination
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings
  - Detailed Botanical Description
  - Claim (only one (1) permitted MPEP 1605)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☐ Color drawing(s) [Total Sheets  ]  
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14. ☐ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
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Note: Please state the Latin name and variety denomination of the plant claimed in a separate section of the specification.

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